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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN KORDOFAN

1. WE HAVE LEARNED OF SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN ABYEI, SOUTHERN KORDOFAN. TRIBAL CONFLICTS OVER PAST FEW DAYS HAVE REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN 130 DEATHS INCLUDING COUSIN OF MINSTATE FONAFFS DENG (WHO IS FROM ABYEI) WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM UK, WAS PULLED OUT OF AUTO AND SHOT. WE UNDERSTAND SUDANESE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PRESENTLY MEETING OVER PROBLEM.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN DARFUR/SOUTHERN KORDOFAN-BAHR AL-GHAZAL/UPPER NILE REGION WHICH IS WHERE DINKA AND OTHER SOUTHERN TRIBES MEET ARAB TRIBES. TRADITIONALLY, CLASHES OCCUR OVER WATER AND GRAZING

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RIGHTS PARTICULARLY DURING DRY SEASON. IT MAY BE THAT ABYEI AND OTHER INCIDENTS ARE OVER SUCH PROBLEMS AND ARE OF NO BROADER POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. HOWEVER, SUDANGOV IS DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF ETHIOPIAN OR LIBYAN EFFORTS TO STIR UP TRIBES IN SOUTHERN REGION PARTICULARLY ALONG CORRIDOR WHERE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN REGIONS MEET. SUDANGOV BELIEVES

NATIONAL FRONT/ANSAR OPPOSITION ELEMENTS USE THIS CORRIDOR WHICH IS SPARSELY POPULATED TO TRAVEL FROM ETHIOPIA TO LIBYA OR VICE VERSA. NOT CLEAR WHETHER OPPOSITION OR HOSTILE FOREIGN ELEMENTS BEHIND ABYEI INCIDENT, BUT SUDANGOV NO DOUBT WILL SUSPECT WORST UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE.

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